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TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Green Ash

Fraxinus pennsylvanica

Typically this tree does not exceed 80' in height. Its crown is described as broadly columnar. The leaves are pinnate, to 12" long, with five to nine ovate to lanceolate, taper-pointed, sharply toothed or sometimes smooth leaflets, to 4 3/4" long and 2" across, glossy dark green, turning yellow in autumn. The bark is gray-brown, with narrow, interlacing ridges.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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DNR URBAN and COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

As with the start of any new year, changes seem to be everywhere. I will be kicking off the new year as the Northeast Region Urban Forestry Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. I have enjoyed my opportunity working with a great group of dedicated people. I look forward to hearing about the new and exciting things that are happening on the community forestry front. -Tracy

1998 Community Trees Conference

"MAINTAINING THE MAGNIFICENCE"

"Keeping our Oldest and Grandest Community Trees Healthy and Safe"

DoubleTree Hotel at the Quay Vancouver, Washington, March 18-20, 1998

"Maintaining the Magnificence" is the theme for the fourth Pacific Northwest Community Trees Conference. Continuing to build on the success from three previous conferences, this year's focus is on the older trees in our community, emphasizing the value and worth of older trees in a community's infrastructure. In addition, the two and 1/2 day conference will look at the habitats of older trees, care of existing trees facing urban pressures and sustaining the older tree infrastructure including budgetary and volunteer efforts, regulation, role of tree commissions, cooperation with interagencies and existing heritage/historic tree programs. For further information contact tish carr, Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator, DNR, Washington State at 800-523-8733.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Washington Department of Natural Resources announces the availability of financial assistance for local community forestry programs. Approximately \$75,000 in monies provided by the USDA Forest Service will be granted on a competitive, matching basis, pending fund availability. Funding will be allocated for one-year projects of up to \$7,500 per grant. Grant applications are due March 16, 1998. To receive grant information and application, please contact the TreeLink Hotline at 800-523-8733.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS

With the increase in competition for grant money, producing a concise, well-written grant application will definitely improve your chances of receiving a grant. The Urban and Community Forestry Program will be hosting two workshops; January 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Tacoma and February 3 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Moses Lake. This workshop will explain the changes for the 1998 DNR Community Forestry Grants and lead you step by step through the application process. For more information, contact tish carr at 800-523-8733.

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL MEETING

The winter meeting for the Washington Community Forestry Council will be held on January 15, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Sea-Tac. The public is welcome to attend. For more information and directions, contact tish carr at 800-523-8733.

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT - DUWAMISH Y.E.S!

Duwamish Y.E.S! is a pilot youth stewardship program that will involve six South Seattle youth in a variety of Green/Duwamish watershed restoration projects and activities. Participating youth will volunteer twice per month, for a total of six months starting in January of 1998. The program will begin with an orientation and training workshop in conservation practices. The goal of the program is to educate the youth in environmental restoration/justice projects. Another component of the program is building partnerships with various organizations working on similar projects. The youth are considered volunteers, who will receive a stipend of \$500 at the end of the program, if they commit to the entire length of it. In addition, participants will be sent to the Cispus Youth Natural Resources Camp in Randle, WA for one week in June. All participating youth must live in the South Seattle community. Participants must be between the ages of 13 - 16 in June 1998. Please submit a Duwamish Y.E.S! application by January 9, 1998. For more information, please contact Gina Violette Burger at 425-226-4867.